

# Work Study –The Way It Pays

## **Earn money while gaining valuable work experience**

Work study helps you earn money for college and gain valuable hands-on experience that prepares you for your future career.

At organizations across Washington:

- Computer science students are designing Web sites and writing computer programs.
- Science and nursing majors are working with researchers to test new medicines.
- Marketing students are developing campaigns for new products.
- Law school students are doing research for attorneys.

With more than 3,000 participating employers offering more than 4,500 jobs, you have nearly unlimited choices. Working with your employer, you can create a work schedule that leaves time for your classes and studies.

## **You and your family benefit**

### ***Borrow less***

If you work only 10 hours per week at an hourly wage of \$8, you can earn \$2,400 during the school year. Earning instead of borrowing money will save an additional \$400 in future loan interest. Work a few more hours per week and earn a slightly higher wage each year and you could save almost \$7,000 after two years and more than \$20,000 over four years.

### ***Sharpen your resume and career goals***

You gain practical work experience while exploring potential majors and careers. Work Study experience can help you understand the pros and cons of different professions and clarify your professional goals. And, real-world experience looks great on your resume.

### ***Get a job quickly after graduation***

Your practical work experience and professional contacts will distinguish you from other applicants and may help you land a better job more quickly. Nearly one in five Work Study jobs leads to a permanent job offer after graduation.

For more information about work study opportunities, contact your school's financial aid office.

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